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1. The CKD shipyard at Usti nad Labem-Olsinky was engaged solely in the production of pontoons. Whereas formerly the center section of the pontoons was produced in the Melnik shipyard, complete pontoons are now being produced and assembled in the Olsinky yard.
2. The anchoring of Elbe River barges at the yard is strictly forbidden, and in cases where emergency repairs are necessary, prior permission from the military officer in charge has to be obtained.
3. The old buildings at the shipyard (Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9 on the annexed sketch) are wooden huts with stone foundations 12 by 30 meters in size. The new buildings (Nos. 6 and 7) are identical with the old ones.
4. All the workshops are linked by narrow gauge railroad tracks for the transportation of materials and pontoons. The finished pontoons are launched from a slipway (marked X on the sketch).
5. The various shops are provided with the equipment described below.
 - a. Shop No. 3, the spraying and welding shop and the smithy, has three Duko apparatus for spraying. The smithy is equipped with two forges, two lathes and two drilling machines. The welding shop has three oxygen apparatus.
 - b. Shop No. 4, the carpenter's shop, has three planers, three band saws and two circular saws.
 - c. Shop No. 4a is a wooden hut housing a large band saw.
 - d. Shop No. 5 is a press shop equipped with four presses.

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- e. Shop No. 6 is the welding and riveting shop; work is done by hand on an assembly line.
 - f. Shop No. 7 is an assembly hall.
6. Four complete pontoons are produced in one shift. The yard formerly worked three shifts, but at the time of observation two shifts were being worked because of lack of raw material. Finished pontoons are floated to Krasne Brezno and loaded onto flatcars there. One car carries six complete pontoons. The ultimate destination of the pontoons is not known.
 7. Approximately twelve civilian administration officials are employed in the shipyard. A Czech Army major is in charge of the yard and there are five junior Army officers. Attached to the military management is a detachment of about 20 men for guard duties and for the work of floating the completed pontoons to the railroad sidings. These men are from the Engineers Training Center at Litomerice.
 8. The total number of civilian employees is estimated at more than 100. Of these employees, 30 are women who do spraying, welding, riveting and painting.
 9. Two types of pontoons are produced in the yards:
 - a. Three-section pontoons with a watertight center section.
 - b. Three-section pontoons with an open center section.
 10. The total length of the pontoons is 19 meters. Sections A and C of the pontoons are 650 cm. long (the bow is 225 cm. long); their width at the bottom is 165 cm. and at the top 225 cm.; they are 140 cm. high. Section B of the pontoons is 600 cm. long. Formerly, Duralumin was used in making the pontoons but steel plate has replaced it.
 11. An anchoring winch (see Sketch No. 2) will be mounted on all pontoons and will be held in place by a steel cable. The winch is approximately 25 by 25 by 30 cm. in size. It will be mounted in the front part of the A or C section of the pontoon. About 20 of these winches were observed in the assembly shop; each of them had a small steel plate bearing the name "Lenin Works, Pilsen".
 12. Apart from wooden floor mats for the pontoons, the carpenter shop is also producing wooden sections of roadways for pontoon bridges; they are 7.5 meters long.

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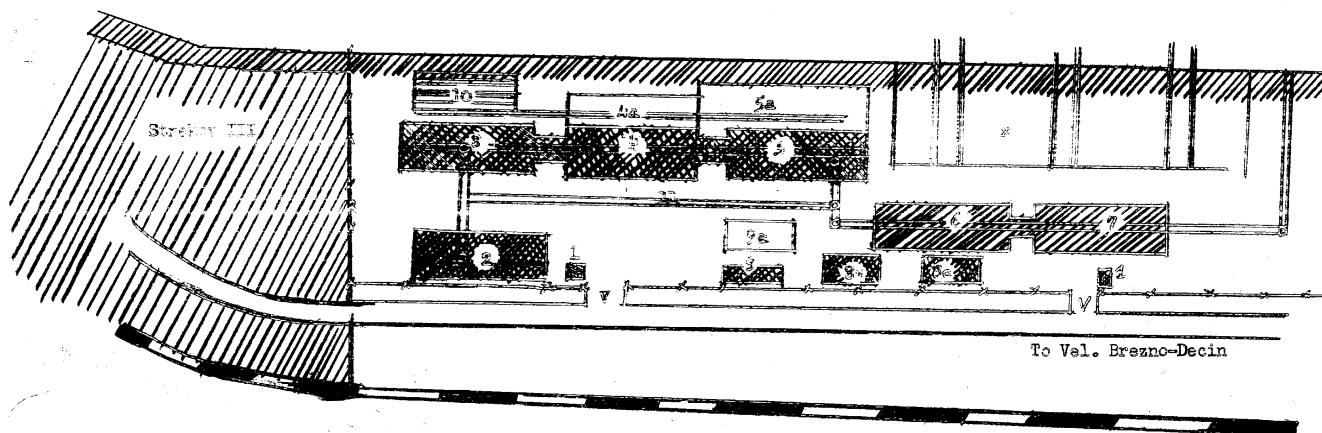
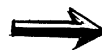
Layout of the CKD Shipyards

Usti nad Labem-Olsinky

Krasna Brana

Sketch No. 1

Elbe River



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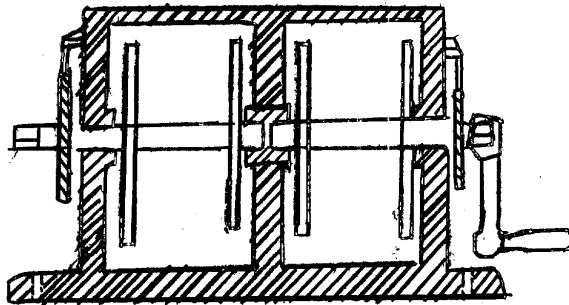
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Sketch No. 2

Anchoring Winch for the Pontoons



Legend to Layout of the CKD Shipyard

1. Guardroom
2. Storage
3. Spraying shop, smithy and welding shop
4. Carpenter's shop. 4a. Hut housing vertical saw.
5. Press shop and welding shop. 5a. Timber storage.
6. Electric welding and riveting shop.
7. Assembly shop.
8. Civilian administration offices.
- 8v. Military administration offices.
9. Officers' billets. 9a. Billets of military detachment.
10. Timber storage.
11. Narrow gauge tracks.
12. Wire fence.
- x. Slipway.
- V. Entrances to the shipyard.

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